

JOHN M. CANNON KILLED IN GRAY COURT YESTERDAY BY J. G. SULLIVAN

Following a Quarrel Which Arose Over a Case in the Magistrates Court. Five Bullets Entered the Body of Col. Cannon, Killing Him Almost Instantly. Mr. Sullivan Brought to Laurens Yesterday.

John M. Cannon, a prominent lawyer and member of the staff of Governor Blease, was shot to death yesterday afternoon at Gray Court by Joseph G. Sullivan, a resident of the Tumbling Shoals section of Laurens county and a former candidate for the legislature from this county. The tragedy occurred about three o'clock in the afternoon within a few feet of the waiting-room door of the C. & W. C. passenger station at Gray Court. Five shots were fired, all of which took effect in the body of Mr. Cannon, four in the chest and one in the arm. The tragedy grew out of a case in Magistrate Hellam's court in which Mr. Cannon had prosecuted a young brother of Mr. Sullivan. This case was the result of difficulties which took place at the Mt. Bethel school several weeks ago, this younger brother, Humbert Sullivan by name, having been accused of striking the teacher, Miss Maude Sharpe, and using profane language in public. The entire community had been greatly stirred up over the affair and excitement ran high. The case was transferred from Magistrate Abercrombie's court in Sullivan township to that of Magistrate Hellam in Dials because some of the interested parties were related to the former magistrate. The trial was set for yesterday morning and was held in the freight depot, this being the most convenient place. Mr. Cannon represented the teacher in the prosecution and W. R. Richey the defendant. The trial was marked by several heated passages and severe cross examination on the part of Mr. Cannon. At times the younger Sullivan was restrained with considerable difficulty from rising to protest against the severe arraignment. Feeling in the improvised court room mounted higher and higher, but no untoward incidents occurred until after the trial when the tense situation crystallized in the tragedy which followed.

There were several eye-witnesses to the tragedy but owing to the general excitement many conflicting tales have been given. As near as possible the facts are as follows:—Mr. Cannon was standing within a few feet of the doorway of the Gray Court passenger station, when Mr. Sullivan approached and began a discussion of the case at point, accusing Mr. Cannon of having made several false statements in his speech at the trial. Mr. Cannon replied that he had said nothing there that he intended to take back and that all he had said was true. Whereupon Mr. Sullivan called him a liar. Blows followed and Mr. Cannon struck Mr. Sullivan across the head with the stick which he has carried since his leg was broken some months ago. At this point Mr. Sullivan pulled his gun and began a rapid-fire shooting. The first three shots were fired point-blank into Mr. Cannon's chest and the wounded man turned to get out of the way by darting into the waiting room only a couple of steps away. After he had turned he was shot twice more, both bullets entering his back. Mr. Cannon fell into the waiting room and his assailant walked away.

As soon as the firing ceased several rushed to Mr. Cannon's help, among them Dr. D. L. Bryson, who gave the wounded man every possible attention. Mr. Cannon only spoke a few words before he died, though he was conscious to the end. He was sensible of his condition and remarked to those standing around him that he was going to die and that he died in the defense of the women of his state. A few minutes before the last he called for his little son, saying that he would like to see him before the end.

The following statement was made before the coroner's jury by Dr. D. L. Bryson of Gray Court, who was the first to give medical aid: "Mr. Cannon was shot five times; two shots entered from the back and emerged in front. Two others entered the chest from the front. He was also shot through the left arm below the

elbow. He died within fifteen minutes after he was shot. Cannot say which wound or wounds proved fatal as no dissection was made."

A Bystander Wounded.
One of the shots, supposedly the first before the pistol could be raised, took effect in the right leg of Mr. Archie Willis, a blacksmith of Gray Court, who was standing within a few feet of the two men as they were quarreling. Mr. Timmerman, who is well known in Laurens, and is now in the freight depot at Gray Court was one of the closest bystanders. In fact he was so close that the powder from the gun stained his shirt.

Mr. Sullivan made no attempt to escape, merely walking quietly to the back of one of the stores where he remained until he heard that his mother, an eye-witness to the tragedy, had fainted. Shortly after the shooting he was brought to Laurens in an automobile and was placed in the county jail. When approached in his cell at the county jail, he replied that he had nothing to say of the killing though he might make a statement today or tomorrow.

Mr. Cannon's Career.
John M. Cannon was the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Cannon, of Lanford Station, this county. He attended school at Lanford and later entered Wofford college where he graduated. After teaching school for several years, he began the study of law in the office of P. P. McGowan, Esq. He was admitted to the bar about nine years ago and has practiced in Laurens since that time. He has always been prominently identified with the public affairs of the county and served one term as a representative in the legislature. He had a strong place in the hearts of a large number of his fellow citizens and was looked to by them for guidance and advice. He was greatly admired by many who differed with him on public questions.

Three years ago Mr. Cannon married Miss Jessie Huey, of Rock Hill, and she with a seven months old baby boy survive him. He is also survived by his parents and several sisters.

The body was brought to Laurens yesterday evening and prepared for burial. The funeral arrangements have not yet been announced.

CHURCH STREETERS DOWNED.

Taken Into Camp by the Gilkerson House Stars Friday Afternoon.

In a garrison finish the Gilkerson House ball tossers turned the tables on the Church street youngsters Friday afternoon when the second of the summer series went to the boards by a score of 11 to 6. The Church street boys took the lead in the first few innings and held it until the last round when, with the score 6 to 3, the Gilkerson gang rallied and banded the pill to all corners of the lot. The Church streeters were not able to "come back" in their half of the last verse and the game ended with the score as per above. "Crp" Crisp pitched a steady game until the last inning, when hits and runs began to get rather common. Gilkerson, J. started the game off for the boards, but "Pat" Kinard took his place in the second, holding his opponents scoreless throughout the game, (except in the second inning when they made three runs).

Following their great victory Friday afternoon the Gilkerson aggregation was flooded with challenges from different aspiring lines. Such teams as the Quoin Counters, composed of bank presidents, etc., a joint stock company known as the Pill Rollers and Hide Openers, besides the old rivals, the Church Streeters and others clamored for a chance at the boarding house boys, who have agreed to take 'em all on one at a time. Friday afternoon, weather permitting, the Quoin Counters will be entertained.

Ladies and children will be admitted to these games free of charge, but men should come prepared to "divvy" up with about ten cents. The proceeds will go to The Boy Scouts.

MEMORIAL DAY FITTINGLY OBSERVED

Graves Decorated Sunday Afternoon and Honor Roll of Veterans Read by Rev. C. F. Rankin. Hon. J. M. Cannon Presided.

Memorial Day was fittingly observed in Laurens Sunday with appropriate exercises at the cemetery. The graded school children bearing wreaths and flowers gathered first at the school building and marched to the cemetery, where the elders had already assembled. The exercises here were presided over by Hon. John M. Cannon and were opened with prayer by Rev. J. R. T. Major, pastor of the Methodist church. Rev. C. F. Rankin read the Honor Roll of Confederate dead, naming those who had died since the celebration of the last memorial day. The children of the graded school sang several patriotic airs during the exercises and Rev. M. L. Lawson closed with the benediction. After this was concluded the women and children went from plot to plot laying flowers on the graves of the departed soldiers.

As is customary in connection with Memorial Day the ladies of the J. B. Kershaw chapter, U. D. C., assisted by other ladies of the community, served a basket dinner to the surviving soldiers of the county. Memorial Day falling on Sunday, however, the dinner was given Saturday preceding. Although a number of the veterans were absent attending the reunion in Jacksonville there was quite a large representation to accept the hospitality of the ladies. The day was made unusually delightful for the old veterans through the thoughtfulness of Supt. Jones and several of the teachers of the city graded school. The veterans were invited to be present at the school grounds at 11 o'clock as honor guests to witness folk and May pole dances by the children of the primary grades. The veterans sat in a circle surrounding the out-door stage and watched the children as they went through their beautiful and graceful dances, showing by glowing countenances and repeated applause that they were enjoying a real treat. After the dances were concluded Col. J. H. Wharton in a happy vein thanked the teachers and children in behalf of the veterans and Commander O. G. Thompson called for the "rebel yell" as an expression of appreciation and this was given with a vim. The veterans marched to and from the school grounds escorted by the boy scouts.

At the army the veterans sat down to the usual sumptuous dinner which they have learned to expect on these yearly occasions. The ladies had spared no pains or expense in getting up the best to be had for the old heroes and when the call to mess was sounded such a feast was spread as left nothing to be desired. Manassas, Gettysburg, the Wilderness and Appomattox were for the time forgotten while a heavy charge was made on the viands placed before them.

After the dinner was concluded Col. Wharton was called on to make a few remarks and he did so in his customary manner, thanking the ladies for providing the dinner. He also paid a further tribute to the soldiers and women of the Confederacy, drawing considerable applause from the assembled veterans. The veterans then dispersed in groups and enjoyed the remainder of the day in quiet conversation among themselves and other friends.

WILL SPEAK AT TRINITY-RIDGE.

Sec. Reed of the State Farmers Union Will Discuss Important Topics There on May 16th.—Next Saturday.

Secretary J. W. Reed of the State Farmers Union will address the Trinity-Ridge Union of Laurens county next Saturday night, May 16th, at Trinity-Ridge. Mr. Reed will discuss the topic of farmers union and many other matters of the deepest interest to farmers and to business men. The public is cordially invited to come out and hear Mr. Reed and it is hoped that every farmer and every business man that possibly can will be present.

Increased Capital Stock.

The Banna Manufacturing Company, of Goldville, this county, has been granted permission by the secretary of state to increase its capital stock from \$225,000 to \$325,000. It is understood that the stock will be issued at a very early date.

TOMATO CLUBS TO HAVE RALLY DAY

Local Quartette Will Give Entertainment Laurens on the Sixth of June. Several Prominent Speakers.

According to an announcement made yesterday, the Tomato Clubs of Laurens county will have a big rally day here on the 6th of June. Miss Jayne Garlington, who is county organizer for the clubs, is making every preparation to have a most successful and entertaining meeting. The exact program has not yet been arranged but it is understood that there will be exhibits of various kinds and speeches by prominent men.

A feature of the rally day will be the presence of a North Carolina canning expert, who will demonstrate the proper methods of canning. He will bring with him all of the necessary tools for the work and his exhibition is certain to be both entertaining and instructive. Among the speakers who have already accepted the invitation to make talks are the following: Mr. J. D. W. Watts, Miss Edith Parrott, head of the Tomato Clubs of South Carolina, and Mr. Nivin of Clemson. Mr. Nivin will be remembered as having given a most excellent exhibition here during the county school fair. Several other speakers of state-wide prominence have been invited and are expected to be here for the big rally.

Miss Garlington is highly enthusiastic over the prospects of a successful year among the tomato clubs. There are already fifty members of the Laurens county clubs and every member is working hard for a banner year. Attention is also being given to the canning of other fruits. Already some of the girls have canned strawberries.

Prizes for this Year.

So far ten prizes have been donated for the Tomato Clubs. These prizes will be given next fall when the tomato club girls show their exhibits. Besides these prizes there are additional rewards for good work in the way of trips to Winthrop College. The president of Winthrop has offered four trips this year to the prize winners in Laurens county. These trips to the college last about ten days with all expenses paid and privilege of attending the summer school. Two of these trips will be given shortly, the winners to be those who have the best kept plot and the best kept record. The other two trips will be awarded in the fall.

SHRINERS TO ATLANTA.

Special Pullman Car Carried Laurens Shriners to 40th Annual Meeting of the Imperial Council.

A special Pullman car left Laurens over the C. & W. C. Monday afternoon for Greenwood where it was attached to the special Shriners train going to the meeting of the Imperial council in Atlanta. Besides those going in the special car, several other parties had already left by other routes, making a total of over thirty Shriners from Laurens attending the big meeting. Besides the Shriners themselves, several other people went along at the same time to enjoy the gaiety of the occasion. The travelers will begin to return tonight and by the end of the week all of them will be at home again.

Among those that are attending the council from here and adjoining towns are Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Darlington, Mrs. J. N. Hudgens, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Copeland, Jr., of Clinton, Mr. and Mrs. Brooks Swygert, Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Blakeley, Messrs. O. B. Simmons, J. Warren Bolt, H. S. Blackwell, Bill Fisher, Henry Madden, J. S. Machen, C. Gray, C. M. Miller, A. W. Teague, C. B. Shell, J. W. Fowler, H. Terry, R. A. Cooper, C. E. Brooks, T. I. Swygert, W. B. Sloan, G. A. Growning, Jr., of Goldville, C. M. Babb, L. G. Balle, J. M. Fleming, of Lanford, E. H. Moore, of Lanford, and others.

Brought Convict Back.

Deputy Sheriff Reid returned several days ago from Greenwood with John Wallace, colored, who escaped from the county gang about a year ago. Wallace got into further trouble after leaving his "job" here and had to serve time on the Greenwood chain gang.

Joint Picnic.

Wadsworth and Youngs schools will have a joint picnic at Wadsworth schoolhouse on Saturday, May 16. The public is cordially invited to attend.

N. B. DIAL FOR CHAIRMAN OF THE STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Has Definitely Entered Race and Will be a Strong Contender Against All-Comers. Favors Primary Reform so as to Guarantee One and Only One Vote for Every White Citizen.

The friends here of N. B. Dial, executive committeeman from this county, have been urging him since the county convention to put himself forward as a candidate for chairman of the state executive committee, and he has decided to "put his hat in the ring." He has gotten in touch with a number of influential friends over the state and has received considerable encouragement from those sources. Mr. Dial has been executive committeeman from this county on several other occasions and is well acquainted with the duties and responsibilities of the committee.

His views on primary reform are well known, as he stated them in emphatic terms at the county convention. While he does not look with favor on the movement to apply the qualifications of the general election laws to the primary, he is in favor of such changes in the present rules as will guarantee an honest and fair election. In his speech before the county convention he stated that he would be willing to waive the property and educational qualifications in the primary election laws, which have hitherto not been enforced, but that he was convinced that some changes were necessary in the rules of the party which would ensure a fair election.

The correspondent for the Charles-

ton News and Courier had the following to say of him after a visit by Mr. Dial to Columbia several days ago:

Columbia, May 11.—Mr. N. B. Dial of Laurens, while in Columbia to-day announced his candidacy for the chairmanship of the State Democratic executive committee, regardless of who else may be in the race. Mr. Dial had nothing to say as to the reported candidacy of former Governor John Gary Evans for re-election, but stated that he was in the race. Mr. Dial emphasized the fact that he was not a candidate for any office this year.

The State chairman is elected by the executive committee, which is made up of one member from each of the forty-four counties, and the national committeeman, who is United States Senator B. R. Tillman. The State convention does not elect the chairman, as is said to be the impression in some quarters. The custom is for the committee to meet immediately following the adjournment of the State convention and select a chairman.

In announcing his candidacy Mr. Dial came out squarely for reform of the primary. He favors reasonable restrictions and says that he is tired and disgusted with the talk of the so-called rich man and the so-called poor man. He said this is our country and every man has a right to speak out.

ATTENDED WINTHROP MEETING.

Laurens County had One Third of all Delegates Present at Meeting on Home Economics.

Fifteen ladies from this county attended the conference at Rock Hill last week to discuss home economics. Laurens county was more largely represented than any other county in the state, having over one third of all the delegates in attendance. The meeting was a very pleasant and profitable one and was greatly enjoyed by those who attended.

Those attending from this county were:

Hickory Tavern—Mrs. J. F. Thompson.
Trinity-Ridge—Mrs. J. D. W. Watts.
Mt. Gallagher—Mrs. Jerry Martin.
Gray Court—Mrs. Dr. Rodgers, Mrs. Edna Owings, Mrs. R. L. Gray.
Watts Mills—Mrs. E. J. Jesse.
Rock Bridge—Miss Young.
Youngs—Mrs. Austin Abercrombie, Miss Lee Glenn.
Lisbon—Miss Carrie Young, Miss Pearl Corbett.
Shiloh—Miss Maurie Simpson.
Barksdale—Mrs. Willis Yeargin.
Cross Hill, Mrs. Conway Dial.

WILL SING AT CROSS HILL.

Local Quartette Will Give Entertainment There Friday the 22nd.

The local quartette composed of Messrs. C. H. Hicks, R. G. Franks, J. E. Hicks and Jack McCravy have signed up for an entertainment in Cross Hill for Friday night, May 22nd. These popular singers have visited several of the towns near Laurens within the last few months and at each performance have made a great hit. They have selected an excellent program for these entertainments and it is needless to say that the entire program is well rendered. They are in communication with several other schools and expect to make many more trips in the near future.

Miss Louise Cartledge.

Miss Louise Cartledge, sister of Mr. H. E. Cartledge, cashier at the freight depot, died rather unexpectedly in an Atlanta sanitarium last Wednesday morning. Her remains were carried to her old home in Augusta Thursday afternoon and interred there. Mr. Cartledge, accompanied by Mrs. Cartledge, left for Augusta Wednesday afternoon to be present at the last rites. Miss Cartledge visited her brother here on several occasions and made many friends who sympathize with him in his great bereavement.

TEACHERS RE-ELECTED.

Trustees of City School Re-elect All of this Year's Teachers who Applied Again.

The trustees of the city graded school met in the office of Chairman C. H. Roper Saturday morning and proceeded to the election of teachers for next year. Several of the teachers did not apply for their old places, but all of this year's teachers who applied for positions next year were re-elected by the board. They are as follows: Misses Emily Meng, Florida Harper, Ella Roland, Mary Belle Babb, Kattie Richards, Dorcas Calmes, May Delle Barre, Fannie Creighton and Laura Barksdale, in the city school, and Misses Mary Simpson, Lila Hart and Irene Ray, in the Laurens mill school.

It was announced some time ago that Supt. Jones would not accept reelection and that Mr. B. L. Parkinson had been elected in his stead. Others of the teaching force who did not apply for re-election were W. A. Barton, principal of the high school, and Misses Annette Stover, Bessie Barnette and Bessie Williams. Their places have not been filled as yet.

LAURENS NURSES GRADUATE.

Three Laurens County Young Women Get Diplomas from Columbia Hospital.

At the graduating exercises of the school for nurses at the Columbia hospital Friday afternoon three Laurens county young women received diplomas, Miss Agatha Reid, of Laurens, Dollys Watts, of Cross Hill, and Margaret C. Gray, of Princeton. All of these young ladies passed their examinations with very creditable marks and will doubtless do honor to their profession. Eight other nurses received diplomas at the same time.

The graduating exercises Friday afternoon was a very happy occasion, the class room being profusely decorated and friends and relatives were present to extend congratulations. In or of the graduates to which a large number of people was invited.

To Conduct Summer School.

Misses May Delle Barre and Emily Meng announce that they will conduct a summer school for two months, beginning June 8th to teach children who desire additional training. They propose to coach pupils on any subjects in which special work is needed.

They will furnish any desired information concerning the school. Adv.